

# CSWC Operational Period Summary

## 0600 June 16 2015 to 1800 June 16 2015



Crews preparing to remove balconies at the scene of balcony collapse in Berkeley, Alameda County 06/16/15

Photo Credit: KTVU

Note: [Report changes/updates are in blue](#)



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# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **Multi-Vehicle Accident, I-80 westbound, West Sacramento, Sacramento County**

On 06/16/15 per local media: California Highway Patrol reported Tuesday morning that there was a hit and run multi-vehicle accident involving ten vehicles on Interstate 80 near Reed Avenue in West Sacramento. Involved in the accident were nine vehicles and one big rig. CHP shut down westbound traffic at Highway 50. CHP was diverting westbound traffic down to I-5 then back up to I-80 as an alternative route around the accident. The estimated time to reopen the road is 1500 hours. CHP reported the following injuries:

- 1 major injury
- 4 minor injuries
- 3 people able to walk away from the I-80 crash

Per the Cal OES FDO at 1314 hours: West Sacramento FD Battalion Chief Binns reports all fire units released. Total of 1 Ladder Truck, 2 Engines from West Sacramento FD and 4 AMR ambulances were committed during the incident. No outside Mutual Aid requests were made. Per Chief Binns, 1 critical and 4 minor injured were transported. 3 others were treated on scene and not transported.

At 1453 hours, Cal Trans reported that one lane of westbound I-80 has reopened at the junction of Highway 50.

At 1546 hours, Cal Trans reported that 2 out of 3 lanes of westbound I-80 had been opened.

At 1640 hours, Cal Trans reported all lanes cleared and open on I-80 westbound.

# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **Apartment Balcony Collapse, Berkeley, Alameda County (Final)**

### **Per local and national media:**

A fourth floor balcony at the apartment building at 2020 Kittredge Street in Berkeley, collapsed Tuesday night at 1 AM. The building is two blocks from the UC Berkeley campus. A birthday party was being celebrated at the apartment in question, and witnesses put the number of people on the balcony at the time of collapse at 13 or 14. The balcony collapsed to the balcony directly beneath it on the third floor spilling party-goers four stories to the sidewalk below.

- Six people have died, and five of the six young people were from Ireland and the other from Rohnert Park, California. By 1545 hours, all were identified and their names released by the Alameda County Coroner's Office.
- Also, seven people were injured and transported to local hospitals, with injuries ranging up to very critical.
- The building is just two blocks from the campus of the University of California, Berkeley, and one block from Berkeley High School. The building in question, Library Gardens Apartments, is owned by the Houston-based Greystar. The company manages more than 400,000 apartments around the country, including five in Berkeley. The building was constructed in 2006.
- The City of Berkeley continues to investigate the cause of the balcony collapse.

Link to photo: <https://twitter.com/taramoriarty1/status/610934967485382656/photo/1>

Link to CNN news story:

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/06/16/us/california-balcony-collapse/index.html?sr=tw061615balconycollapse6pVODtopPhoto>

- There have been no requests for assistance and no unmet needs.
- This will be the Final Report on this incident unless circumstances warrant.

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## **Apartment Balcony Collapse, Berkeley, Alameda County**

**Update from the Cal OES LDO at 1645 hours:**

**Per the City of Berkeley:**

The City of Berkeley is Early Tuesday morning a balcony at 2020 Kittredge in Berkeley collapsed, leading to the tragic deaths of six individuals and injuries to 7 more. City of Berkeley staff from Police, Fire and Building & Safety have been responding to the incident and taking all necessary steps to safely secure the area and investigate the cause.

The injured were transported to Highland Hospital in Oakland, Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley, and John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek. Due to privacy concerns, the City cannot release the names of the injured. The Alameda County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Bureau released the names of the deceased: Ashley Donohoe, 22, of Rohnert Park; Olivia Burke, 21, Ireland; Eoghan Culligan, 21, Ireland; Niccolai Schuster, 21, Ireland; Lorcan Miller, 21, Ireland; Eimear Walsh, 21, Ireland

Parents of those deceased as well as those in the hospital have been personally contacted, according to Philip Grant, Consul General of Ireland to the Western United States. The City is working closely with the Consulate General of Ireland, which has established a crisis line for families seeking information: 011-353-1418-0200.

Grant, the Consul General of Ireland, will be having a wreath-laying ceremony at 5pm near the site of the balcony collapse.

Building inspectors visited the building at 2020 Kittredge Street early Tuesday morning. The balcony for the affected unit, as well as the three other similar balconies in the building, have each been red-tagged, prohibiting access to those areas. The City has ordered the property owner to immediately remove the failed balcony and to perform a structural assessment of the remaining balconies within 48 hours. The building finished construction in January 2007.

As part of the City's investigation of the incident, the City will be retaining possession of the collapsed materials. Building and Safety staff have been on scene since early Tuesday morning, shortly after the collapse. Once the damaged materials are removed from the building, they will be taken to a City facility and will remain under City control. City staff have also taken other steps to document the scene and the damage.

Inspectors have been inside the unit, and they have completed an up-close, aerial investigation using cranes to examine the damage. Results of the City investigation are expected to take several days.

To further public understanding of prior inspections of the building, [the City is posting online the Building and Safety inspection report history for 2020 Kittredge Street.](#)

Further updates will be posted at [CityofBerkeley.info](http://CityofBerkeley.info)

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**Update from the Cal OES LDO at 1633 hours:**

**Per the City of Berkeley:**

The City of Berkeley is assisting in the following manner (not for public distribution):

- 1) Providing crisis intervention to 12 students (Irish Nationals) affected by the loss of their friends or were also J-1 Visa visitors.
- 2) Providing assistance to the Consulate General with office space to make phone calls
- 3) Providing direct information on the situation status and investigation process
- 4) The City will be attending a site visit with the Consulate General and victim families and friends; they will be placing a wreath and playing bagpipes
- 5) The State Department was advised of the communication with the Consulate General

Additionally, the Fire Chief advised that families of the deceased and injured are flying in today and tomorrow from Ireland.

# SITUATION SUMMARY

## Apartment Balcony Collapse - Initial Cal OES Reporting:

**Per Bob Charbonneau, UC System Emergency Services Director** - at this time UC has not been able to verify that the victims were enrolled at UC Berkeley, the current thought and indications are that the Irish Students were on J1 work visa's for the summer. However, UCPD is currently working with Berkeley PD, through the Irish Embassy to verify this information. Berkeley PD is the lead investigating Agency.

**The U.S. Consulate Office of Foreign Missions (OFM)** is in contact with the University of California and the Irish Embassy and have offered assistance in case they need help with providing consular services to their injured, hospitalized or deceased foreign nationals.

**LDO** - The LDO reached out to the Alameda County Sherriff's Office and reported that there has been no request from Alameda County for LE or Coroner's assistance. Per the LDO: 0040 hours, emergency call received - collapse of a balcony with multiple injuries. Upon FD arrival:

- 13 patients
- 4 dead at scene
- 9 transported to local hospitals
- 2 of 9 died at hospital (for a total of 6 deceased)
- 7 remaining victims in hospitals with injuries ranging up to very critical
- Victims were transported to Highland Hospital and John Muir Hospital.
- At this time the incident is not suspicious or considered criminal
- All victims were Irish Students here on J1 visas
- The Police Chief and Fire Chief are making contact with the Irish General Consulate
- Lots of foreign press interest
- Currently providing support for families, neighbors and also for first responders as this was a horrific scene.
- Building is an apartment complex
- Additional ambulances were provided by the operational area.
- No mutual aid required at this time
- No requests for assistance at this time

**FDO** - The FDO reached out to the Berkeley Fire Department PIO, Alameda County Regional Communications Center who reported no Mutual Aid requests to them.

**CDO** - The CDO was in contact with the City of Berkeley and Alameda County and reported there were no requests for assistance and no unmet needs.

# SITUATION SUMMARY

## Saddle Fire, Trinity County

Location of incident: 4 miles Northwest of Hyampom, Shasta-Trinity Forest

Jurisdiction: Federal DPA, FRA

Per CAL FIRE, Cal OES Duty Officers, and ICS-209 as of 06/16/15 at 1745 hours:

- 1,530 acres, 75% contained
- NORCAL Team 2 in Command
- No further spread is anticipated today as isolated islands of concentrated fuels, dead and down snags and logging slash will continue to be consumed. Mop up and identification of suppression repair needs continues
- Expected containment 6/19/15

### Evacuations/Shelters

- Per the Cal OES Fire Duty Officer, 140 single residences remain potentially threatened.
- Per the Cal OES Law Duty Officer, the USFS advised that all mandatory evacuations were lifted on 06/14/15.
- Red Cross reports that the shelter at Hayfork High School at 231 Oak Ave Hayfork, CA 96041 has been closed.

### Utilities

- Per the California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA) there is no threat presently to the grid or transmission service.

### Health and Welfare

- Per the California Department of Social Services (CDSS):
  - There are currently no community care licensed facilities impacted by this fire.
  - CDSS will continue to monitor impacts to community care licensing facilities.

### Deployments

- None.

There are no requests for assistance or unmet needs.

Cal OES Duty Officers are monitoring the situation and will provide updates as they become available.

# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **Air Quality**

- Recent dry lightning strikes have caused many small fires in the Six Rivers and Shasta-Trinity National Forest as well as State Responsibility Areas.
- Current weather forecasts show the recent low pressure moving out of the area and replaced by a warming trend with drier weather and moderate to light winds over the area.
- The Saddle Fire, located in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest near the town of Hyampom, continues to produce smoke in nearby communities. At this time, smoke is laying in valleys but may lift and transport to further locations throughout the day. Satellite images show smoke traveled north toward Willow Creek and to the southeast past the Hyampom area.
- In Del Norte County, the Buckskin Fire located near Cave Junction, Oregon is producing smoke impacts in downwind areas southwesterly of the fire. Satellite imagery indicates that Smith River could be in the path of the smoke. Crescent City may also be experiencing smoke from the fire.
- Forecasting smoke impacts can be challenging as smoke can vary widely within just a few miles as Humboldt, Del Norte and Trinity Counties contain mountains, valleys, and a thousand different air flow patterns.
- Further Air Quality information will be provided to the public as updated information becomes available.
- For 24-hour Air Quality Information:
  - NCUAQMD's hotline toll-free at 1-866-BURN-DAY (1-866-287-6329)
  - Website: [www.ncuagmd.org](http://www.ncuagmd.org)



# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **SPILL: 15-2785, Refugio Beach, Goleta, Santa Barbara County**

- On 05/19/15 at 1243 hours the California State Warning Center received a report from the Santa Barbara County Fire Department indicating that a ¼ mile sheen was observed off of Refugio State Beach, near Goleta, Santa Barbara County.
- The Operation is transitioning from Response to Recovery.
- The Cal OES Santa Barbara Territory Representative will assist in the day to day operations from the Santa Barbara EOC.

## **Refugio Response JIC Info**

Refugio Response Snapshot 06/14/15:

<http://www.refugioresponse.com/go/doc/7258/2523746/>

## **Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought**

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought
- [DTF Drought Update 06/16/15 is attached](#)

## **City of Oakland EOC Activation**

- [The Oakland City EOC has been activated for the Warriors NBA Finals game tonight.](#)
- [Cal OES Duty Officers monitoring the situation](#)

## **Weather of Concern**

- Excessive Heat Warning remains in effect Tuesday 06/16/15 1000 hours through Monday 06/22/15 2000 hours for areas in Riverside and Imperial Counties.
- Excessive Heat Watch remains in effect from Thursday morning 06/18/15 through Monday evening 06/22/15 for areas in Inyo and San Bernardino Counties

**Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:** [http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www\\_bc\\_cal.php](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php)

# WEATHER

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### **Northern Region**

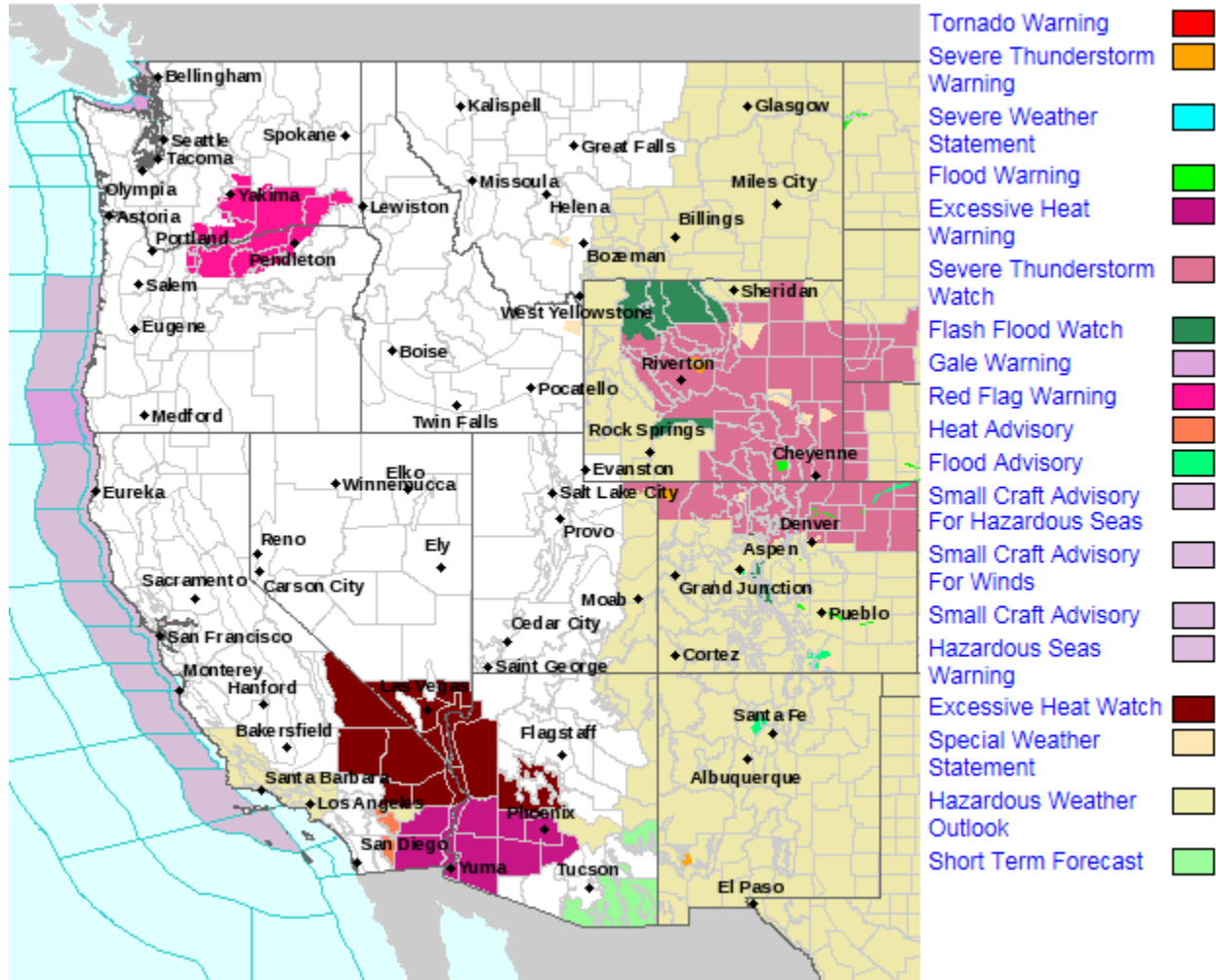
The larger-scale governing weather pattern has a persistent low off the British Columbia Coast, while strengthening high pressure ridge builds northward into Southern California. Northern California is in between, and under a moderately strong, prevailing westerly flow aloft. This pattern is favorable for coastal fog areas, and low-level onshore flow. The weak weather disturbance that crossed Northern California from west to east yesterday triggered a couple of weak thunderstorms, which produced a total of 15 Northern Operational Area lightning strikes. The air mass will now see further drying and become stable enough today that there are currently no thunderstorm chances in the seven day forecast. Winds aloft will continue moderate southwest to west for the remainder of the week. A component of these winds tends to surface daily on the elevated terrain in the northeast and eastern areas during afternoon to early evening peak heating hours. Peak gust speeds could pick up enough to range from 28-38 mph in the latter half of the week. Humidity will be seasonably dry in most inland areas, and quite dry in far eastern areas. For the inland areas, only the low wind- sheltered terrain is likely to see good overnight relative humidity recovery in this type of pattern.

### **Southern Region**

Temperatures will continue to slowly warm across the region through Sunday as strong high pressure approaches the Southern California Coast from the southwest and then moves overhead. Minimum humidity will continue to be in the single digits and teens above and inland from the marine layer through this weekend. The marine layer will be between 1,000 and 1,500 feet deep. Westerly afternoon winds of 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph will surface across the Tehachapi Mountains, Antelope Valley, and Banning Pass through Friday. A slow cooling trend and slow increase in humidity will occur early next week as the strong high pressure area moves eastward.



# STATE WEATHER MAP



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# **FIRE ACTIVITY**



## **Preparedness Levels**

### **National Preparedness Level 1**

#### **Northern California**

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

#### **Southern California**

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

## **California Fire Potential & Weather Maps**

### **Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

### **Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

### **California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings**

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

### **NWS California River Forecast Center:**

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

# CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

## Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls continue to occur on a weekly basis.

# CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

## Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

### **Local Emergency Proclamations:**

**A total of 57 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:**

- 25 Counties: El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 11 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County), City of Willits (Mendocino County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Porterville (Tulare County).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County), Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County), Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).



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